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> Re: Egleston v. Mosingo, et al 05-CV-04950 (MBM)

Dear Judge Mukasey:

We represent Plaintiff and Lead Plaintiff movant K.J. Egleston in the above-captioned matter pending before Your Honor. We write pursuant to Your Honor's Order of October 24, 2005. It is Plaintiff's position that this action should be removed from the suspense calendar and the case permitted to proceed against the non-bankrupt defendants.

On May 17, 2005, Collins & Aikman Corporation sought bankruptcy protection. On May 23, 2005, Plaintiff filed this action for violations of the federal securities laws during the period between May 15, 2003 and March 17, 2005, inclusive, against defendants Jerry L. Mosingo, David A. Stockman, J. Michael Stepp, and Bryce Koth, officers of the Company during the relevant time period. Several related actions were filed on behalf of investors [05-3791, 05-5098, and 05-5251] of which two had named Collins & Aikman Corporation as a defendant.

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On June 6, 2005, pursuant to the procedures established by the PSLRA, Plaintiff moved the Court to consolidate the various related actions and appoint Plaintiff as Lead Plaintiff. No other motion for appointment to be lead plaintiff was made. The Court has not yet decided this motion. Plaintiff intends to prosecute this action against the Non-Debtor defendants.

In the Second Circuit, "[i]t is well-established that stays pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(a) are limited to debtors and do not encompass non-bankrupt co-defendants." *Teachers Ins. & Annuity Ass'n of Am. v. Butler*, 803 F.2d 61, 65 (2d Cir. 1986). "Consistent with that guideline, courts in this Circuit have regularly refused to extend a debtor corporation's § 362(a) stay to its non-debtor officers and principals." *Gucci, Am., Inc. v. Duty Free Apparel, Ltd.*, 328 F. Supp. 2d 439, 441 (S.D.N.Y. 2004); *Gray v. Hirsch*, 230 B.R. 239, 242 (S.D.N.Y. 1999).

Should the Non-Debtor defendants seek protection of the bankruptcy stay, defendants would "bear[s] the burden of demonstrating that circumstances warrant extending the stay." *In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp.*, 298 B.R. 49, 54 (S.D.N.Y. 2003). "In the absence of *evidence* which demonstrates any impact upon the debtor's reorganization effort, the stay cannot be extended to a [non-debtor]." *CAE Indus., Ltd. v. Aerospace Holdings Co.*, 116 B.R. 31, 34 (S.D.N.Y. 1990)(emphasis added).

The Second Circuit has allowed a single exception to the settled rule that stays under Section 362(a) apply only to the debtor. That lone exception permits the extension of the automatic stay to a non-debtor "only when a claim against the non-debtor will have an *immediate adverse economic consequence* for the debtor's estate." *Queenie, Ltd. v. Nygard Int'l*, 321 F.3d 282, 287 (2d Cir. 2003) (emphasis added). This is not the situation here.

The securities litigation was filed against Non-Debtors based upon actions for which they are independently liable under the federal securities laws.

Therefore, Plaintiff and putative Lead Plaintiff movant urges this Court to remove the above captioned case from the suspense docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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